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Linear Park progressing admirably



ORANJESTAD -- On Thursday, Minister of Labor, Otmar Oduber, paid a visit to the construction site of the Linear Park to see how the project is progressing.

Developers at the site provided the Minister with detail information of how the work is progressing. They also shared some of the complications they encountered and how they will proceed in the coming weeks.

Oduber told the press that at the start of the project there were several inconveniences and some surprises, such as with underground cables.

Due to the fact that there was no work done on the area in question for over 70 years, they discovered certain cables that they had long forgotten were buried there. On

the other hand, Oduber informed that there is an excellent coordination of efforts as they deal with each situation presented. He reported that at this stage already the progression of the park is notable; materials have arrived, small street bricks have been delivered, more than 200 new, modern light poles will be installed along the length of the route up to the Governor's residence.

According to Oduber, this is a very important project, the biggest project that his ministry has undertaken in keeping with the new vision of a better quality for our tourism.

The Linear Park project entails an investment of 4.8 million Aruban florins of the Ministry of Tourism, Trans-

port and Labor. An additional sum of 3 million has been allocated in 2011 for the continuation of this project which will allow for phase two of the project.

The Minister assured everyone that he is committed to this project as is evidenced by the fact that not only has he allocated almost 5 million Aruban florins for the first phase, but that he has also, through a special fund via Parliament, designated funds for the maintenance of the Linear Park.

The Park will include 4 different kiosks and public restrooms accessible to both locals and visitors with the mandate to ensure that they are kept clean and at top quality at all times.

On the route up to the Governor's residence there will be three kiosks with their restrooms. According to Oduber, the Prime Minister requested that they dedicate the area in front of the Talk of The Town Hotel to all those who contributed to making Aruba's tourism what it is today. The parking lot and Talk of the Town Hotel have a 60 year history. Hence, this parking lot area should become a plaza to dedicate to our tourism pioneers, according to Otmar Oduber in response to a request by Mike Eman, Prime Minister of Aruba.

A reflection for (Grand) Mother's Day invested in this poem:

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My tears melted on
the smile on my face
For sure, this was a
part of God's grace
Now I'm back, but still
reflect
On all the fun and laughter we
shared

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under construction, all merchants are more than ready to serve everyone who still wants to do their last minute purchases while spending a nice time. Many of the stores will have their back door open to facilitate the entrance to customers.

There will be musical entertainment to delight everyone and in the afternoon hours there will be a Thai Chi presentation next to Bon Bini

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Ivory Coast's Ouattara sworn in as president



ABIDJAN (AFP) – Ivory Coast President Alassane Ouattara was sworn in as president Friday, after months of political violence and as UN investigators probed deadly clashes earlier this week.

Ouattara, regarded by the international community as the winner of a runoff poll, finally took the oath of office at

a ceremony at the presidential palace in Abidjan, the country's main city.

He was sworn in by Paul Yao N'Dre, president of the constitutional council, before members of the government, diplomats, senior politicians and military officers.

"It's the start of a new era of reconciliation and unity between all the daughters, and all the sons of our dear Ivory Coast," Ouattara said in a brief speech afterwards.

His formal investiture will take place on May 21 in the capital Yamoussoukro in front of foreign dignitaries.

A UN human rights team was due in the Yopougon district of Abidjan Friday to investigate reports that fighters on both sides had killed civilians there, Rupert Colville, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, said.

"They will also be looking into an attack against a Baptist church allegedly carried out by FRCI (Ouattara's forces)," he told reporters in Geneva.

The church sheltered around 2,500 people forced to flee the fighting in Yopougon, he said.

The bodies of 60 people killed in recent fighting between government forces and pro-Gbagbo militiamen were retrieved on Tuesday in the Yopougon district, the Ivorian Red Cross said.

Several hundred militiamen are believed to still be active in the district.

Although the situation has quietened down since Gbagbo's capture, sporadic clashes continue to break out and the authorities are still finding mass graves in parts of Abidjan and elsewhere in the country.

Al-Qaeda vows to avenge death of 'martyr' bin Laden



Pakistani Islamists burn a US flag against the killing of bin Laden during a protest.

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Al-Qaeda and Islamic militants Friday vowed to avenge the killing of Osama bin Laden by US commandos, declaring him a "martyr" and calling on Muslims to rise up against the United States.

Confirming bin Laden's death for the first time, the Al-Qaeda terror network denounced the slaying of its leader by urging Pakistani Muslims "to cleanse their country from the filth of the Americans who spread corruption in it."

The Afghanistan Taliban also joined the chorus of condemnation -- as small rallies were held after Friday prayers in several Islamic nations -- saying the loss of the architect of the September 11, 2001 attacks would only serve to strengthen its resolve in the fight against "foreign invaders."

"We call upon our Muslim people in Pakistan, on whose land Sheikh Osama was killed, to rise up and revolt to cleanse this shame," Al-Qaeda said in a statement released by the SITE monitoring group.

The Islamist group proclaimed its Saudi-born founder a "martyr," adding he had "terrified all the nations of disbelief." It vowed the jihadist network would survive, but did not name anyone to take over as its leader.

Floods swamp tornado-ravaged central US

VICKSBURG, Mississipp (AFP) - Weary residents in the storm ravaged central United States packed their belongings into moving trucks and prayed for levees to hold Friday as swollen rivers swallowed roads, farms and homes.

"When you see the Mississippi River and it's two miles (three kilometers) wide it's sobering," Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam told CNN.

"We have everything from state prisons to nursing homes that could be in danger from the flooding."

Hundreds of people have been driven from their homes by the rising waters as National Guardsmen and civilian volunteers struggle to build temporary levees and lay out sandbags in front of homes and businesses.

"There are records here being broken that go back to 1927," said Pat Slattery, a spokesman for the National Weather Service.

Much of the flooding comes from the same weather system which sparked the

deadliest tornado outbreak in the United States since 1925, which claimed the lives of 350 people across the US south.

That massive storm sucked moisture out of the Gulf of Mexico and brought two weeks of heavy rain to the Mississippi and Ohio River valleys before it finally moved out to sea, Slattery told AFP.

Most unprotected farmland in northwest Tennessee, southeast Missouri, and northeast Arkansas was swamped and the deep waters covering roadways was hampering evacuation efforts, the weather service said.

Police and firefighters knocked on the doors of more than a thousand homes and businesses in Memphis, Tennessee Friday to warn people to pack up their belongings and seek higher ground

Officials warned residents to be wary of wildlife fleeing the rising waters -- particularly snakes like the cottonmouth water moccasin which are more aggressive due to mating season.

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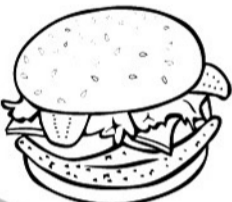

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Government has addicts under the loop



The national committee dealing with drug addiction issues.

ORANJESTAD -- For the past months the Ministry of Public Health has been working intensively on the addiction project designed to convince addicts to voluntarily seek rehabilitation or be placed under custody. Both approaches are in consortium with each other and require the support of the family of the addict.

Minister Richard Visser reported that a number of addicts have chosen for rehabilitation.

They can choose to go through the rehabilitation process here in Aruba, in the Dominican Republic or even in the Netherlands. Understandably, this process is voluntary and requires much convincing before an addict can accept to submit to rehabilitation. Together with the help of private groups and government departments they have succeeded in sending various addicts off island for rehabilitation. Some of them are already on the right track.

On the other hand, the government has prepared Centro Dakota to accommodate those who have not chosen the voluntary path to rehabilitation. This is the group, for whom, together with their family, they must obtain a court order to place them in custody for a definite time span. During this time span the addict will be submitted to a rehabilitation program at Centro Dakota. To date, the government has suc-

ceeded in placing as many as 26 addicts under custody. These itinerant addicts have been taken off the streets and are now in the rehabilitation program. The process of placing an addict under custody comes with its many challenges. One such challenge is those addicts who are known to be "double-trouble" citizens. This means that these persons, in addition to their addiction, also have certain mental deficiencies. These challenges are being attended to by our local experts.

A case in point is the well-known "Hitler," who after a court order was placed in custody for rehabilitation at the Centro Dakota. He is one of the addicts who causes much consternation in the city center because of his mental problems. It is our hope that now that he is receiving regular care, he will be cured and could later lead a normal life in the future.

Among the other 25 addicts under custody, who are receiving rehabilitation, are well known "JoJo," "Calister" and others who are known to daily molest our community on the streets with their begging.

The Minister emphasized that this project would be impossible without the unconditional assistance of our private groups. He applauded the unity that exists between the various organizations working together to combat our drug addiction problem and those working to-

gether on rehabilitation. From the very onset, Visser sighted that the drug addiction problem in Aruba is much greater than it appears and that a durable solution would require national support from all groups in our community. Since drug addiction is no respecter of persons it will require the help of every one of us to solve the problems we are in today in Aruba.

By shutting down the places that drug addicts used as shelters we were able to limit the possibility for them to continue their lives of addiction on the streets in the center of Oranjestad, according to Visser.

The Minister is convinced that gradually the government's actions will send the message to other drug addicts that our community will no longer accept their life style of inflicting damage on themselves or on others in our community. In the ensuing months we will learn more of this program. The main objective of the program is to help all itinerant drug addicts either voluntarily or via court order to be placed under legal custody and off the streets.

The government is now dedicating itself to programs of prevention. There is a close alliance with the FADA Foundation who is developing a special prevention program which will be taken to all



Minister Visser with Centro Dakota personnel.

schools at the start of the new school year in August. The intention is to begin the prevention consciousness as of the earliest ages in our schools.

This means that the government is attacking the issue

from both ends of the spectrum: assisting those who already have serious drug addictions, and diligently working on preventing our youth from falling prey to the evils of drug addiction.

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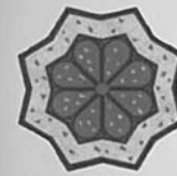
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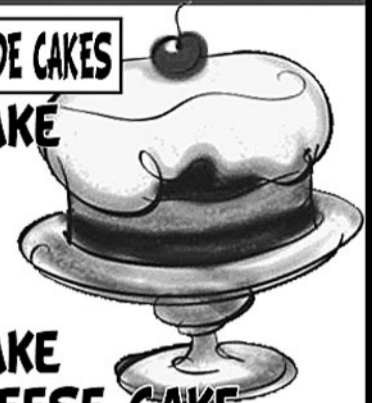
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William and Kate adopt baby penguin

Prince William and his new wife Catherine have adopted an endangered baby penguin called Acorn.

But Acorn will not be moving in with the royal newlyweds any time soon, Chester Zoo. He will instead remain at the zoo in north-west England with 49 other Humbolt pen-

guins.

The Humbolt penguins are thought to be declining in number due to overfishing of their food and habitat loss.

The breed is native to several South American countries including Chile, where both William and Catherine spent part of their gap years.

Chevrolet Cruze sets a new standard in compact cars

The newest model car from GM, the Cruze, is gaining popularity; sales in the U.S. surpassed 50,000 during the first quarter of 2011. The car has a classic style which is appreciated worldwide; the exterior design, high quality manufacture and refined interior space contribute to setting a new standard for a subcompact vehicle. With a 1.8 liter 4 cylinder engine, 138HP and 6-speed automatic transmission, it offers drivers more mileage and fuel efficiency

The Chevrolet Cruze provides smooth operating-some describe it as "a joy to drive." The chassis has been designed with international roads in mind; engineering and manufacturing are innovative and breaking all the rules for a subcompact, transforming all the conventional into truly something exciting. Its 4-door coupe model makes every owner proud and satisfied to be driving a car in this category.

The Cruze was designed by a multi-national team of experts from Germany, the U.S., Korea and Australia. They created a revolutionary vehicle, with expressly fine detailing and parts assembly. The look is sportive yet spacious, accommodating 5 passengers easily.

Quality and elegance were the reasons the Cruze has won several international awards, including "Urban Car of the Year" by Automotive Journalists, "Safest Car of the Year" in Argentina, and "Manufacturers WTCC" in Macao.



The Cruze offers a complete package, guaranteeing safety and comfort to passengers. Security while driving was a main priority when designing this car- another reason why it won five stars during impact tests and is certified by the NCAP (New Car Assessment Program) in Europe.

The Chevrolet Cruze will soon arrive at Aruba Stern Automotive Enterprises, situated in Tanki Leendert 122, the exclusive car dealer for Chevrolet.

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Sony's Stringer apologises for data breach

TOKYO (AFP) – Sony Chief Howard Stringer has apologised to the millions of users of the company's hacked online networks, as it unveiled a free \$1 million insurance policy for those in the US.

In his first public remarks after the company shut down its PlayStation Network and Qriocity music streaming services after discovering a breach that affected more than 100 million accounts, Stringer said: "I know this has been a frustrating time for all of you".

Last month's intrusion resulted in the theft of names, email addresses and possibly credit card information from Sony's online entertainment

and games platforms.

Sony took down its PlayStation Network and Qriocity service over two weeks ago to investigate the hack and secure the network from future attacks. It later said its Sony Online Entertainment platform had also been hit.

The company said it will offer US PlayStation Network and Qriocity users free enrollment for 12 months in an identity protection programme including a \$1 million insurance policy per user if they become victims of identity theft.

It added it was working to make similar programmes available elsewhere.

Twitter hits new high with Everest 'tweet'

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) – A renowned British climber has taken Twitter to a new high, firing off the first "tweet" from the peak of world's tallest mountain.

Kenton Cool used the terse text message to plug a slick new Galaxy S II smartphone made by Samsung, the South Korean consumer electronics giant that backed his ninth ascent to the top of Mount Everest.

"Everest summit no 9! 1st tweet from the top of the world thanks to a weak 3G

signal & the awesome Samsung Galaxy S2 handset!" the mountaineer said in a tweet sent Thursday.

Nepal telecom carrier Ncell installed a mobile signal receiver at the base of Everest late last year, but it had been unclear whether its range extended to the peak.

A blog post at Cool's website dream-guides.com proclaimed the Samsung Everest climb a success and promised more details as Cool made his way back down.

Study: foot-and-mouth controls possibly overdone

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Cattle infected with foot-and-mouth disease are only contagious for a brief period of time -- about half as long as previously thought -- according to a study that will appear in the journal Science.

The research has implications for all infectious diseases, said one of the report's authors, Mark Woolhouse of the University of Edinburgh, and raises the possibility that the controversial control measures used to halt the disease's spread during a British epidemic in 2001 may not have been entirely necessary.

"This study shows that what we thought we knew about foot-and-mouth disease is not entirely true," said Woolhouse. "So, what we think we know about human influenza and other infectious pathogens might not be completely accurate either."

The report appears in the

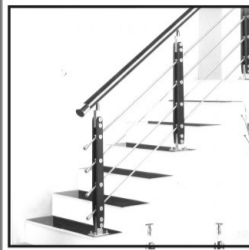
May 6 issue of the journal Science.

Researchers at Britain's Pirbright Institute for Animal Health tried 28 times to infect healthy cows with foot-and-mouth disease by placing them next to infected cattle.

But the disease was only transmitted eight times, researchers say, leading them to determine that the cattle are not actually contagious until about half a day after the first clinical symptoms have appeared.

"We now know that there is a window where, if affected cattle are detected and removed from the herd promptly, there may be no need for pre-emptive culling in the immediate area of an infected farm," said Woolhouse in a statement released by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which publishes the journal.

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China doubles solar power target by 2020: report

SHANGHAI (AFP) – China has more than doubled its target for solar power capacity to 50 gigawatts by 2020, state media said, as the world's largest polluter steps up efforts to boost clean energy sources.

The increased target follows a massive earthquake and tsunami in Japan that triggered a nuclear crisis in the country's northeast and fuelled worldwide debate about the safety of atomic power.

China hopes its installed solar power capacity will reach 10 gigawatts by 2015 and 50 gigawatts by the end of the decade, the Shanghai

Securities News said, citing Li Junfeng, deputy director of the energy research arm of the National Development and Reform Commission.

The country's current installed capacity is less than one gigawatt, the official China Daily said last month.

Li said China will soon publish a five-year blueprint and other supportive policies for the solar power industry.

Officials at the NDRC, China's top economic planning agency, were not immediately available to comment.

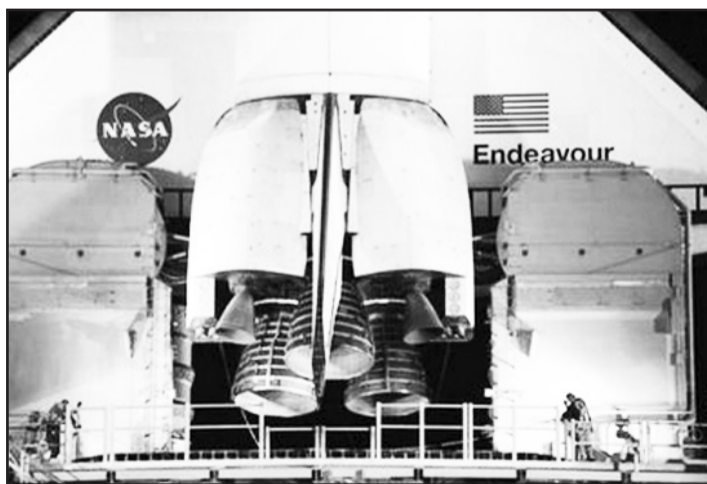
Beijing has ordered safety inspections of the country's nuclear plants and "temporarily" suspended approval of

new and proposed projects following the disasters in Japan, but has said it will continue to develop the technology.

China -- which in November admitted it is the world's biggest greenhouse gas emitter -- has some of the globe's worst air and water quality after three decades of unrestrained growth and resulting pollution.

Leaders of the world's second-largest economy plan to invest hundreds of billions of dollars developing clean energy over the next decade as it seeks to meet a target of generating 15 percent of its energy from renewable sources by 2020.

Endeavour shuttle launch delayed again: NASA



WASHINGTON (AFP) – The launch of the US space shuttle Endeavour has been delayed for a third time, until at least May 16, as engineers work to overcome an electrical problem, NASA announced Friday.

"NASA managers met Friday afternoon and determined space shuttle Endeavour will launch no earlier than Monday, May 16 at 8:56 am," the space agency said.

Technicians will continue to repair and retest the electric circuitry that caused NASA to postpone the launch on April 29 hours before liftoff, it said.

It is supposed to be the US space program's second-to-last shuttle flight to the International Space Station, followed by Atlantis in June. After that, the 30-year-old shuttle program will end.

The glitch has been traced to a power problem in the aft

load control assembly-2 (ALCA-2), a box of switches that control electrical flow to heaters that keep fuel lines from freezing in orbit.

The US space agency had said it planned to replace the box but testing it could take several days.

Endeavour will carry a \$2.0-billion, seven-ton particle physics detector, the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer-2, which will be left at the space station to scour the universe for dark matter and antimatter.

The 14-day mission, known as STS-134, is to be commanded by US astronaut Mark Kelly, whose wife, US congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords of Arizona, is recovering from a gunshot wound to the head sustained in January.

Giffords was allowed by her rehab doctors in Houston to fly to Florida to watch the launch, and she is expected to return again for the next attempt, her office said.



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Surgery better for younger prostate patients: report



WASHINGTON (AFP) – Surgery appears to be a better treatment option for early prostate cancer than "watchful waiting," particularly for younger patients, according to a Swedish study published.

In the first clinical trial examining the impact of surgically removing the prostate gland, the team followed 347 randomly chosen patients for the procedure, and closely watched 348 others, according to the study in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The assessment of the nearly 700 men, who averaged 65 years when diagnosed, found that after 15 years, 48 percent of the men in the surgical group died, compared with 58 percent in the closely

watched group.

For the surgical group, 16 percent died of the prostate cancer, compared to 23 percent for those being watched.

The risk of cancer spreading "beyond the prostate gland was 12 percent lower for those who received surgery."

The study found that the younger men in the study, those aged around 65 -- benefited most from surgery, while going under the knife presented fewer benefits for older patients.

"Not everybody benefits from surgery, so individual risks and potential gains have to be assessed on the basis of age, other illnesses, tumor type and patient preferences," cautioned Anna Bill-Axelson, chief physician at the Department of Surgical Sciences at Sweden's Uppsala University.

Surgical patients whose tumors grew beyond the prostate gland also ran a "seven-times-greater risk of mortality" due to prostate cancer than those whose tumors were limited to the gland, also warned the report.

Airlines Need Better Prep for In-Flight Medical Crises: Experts



-- The airline industry needs to standardize procedures and equipment for in-flight medical emergencies, according to two American doctors.

Over a five-year period, European airlines identified 10,000 in-flight medical emergencies, but the issue doesn't get the attention it deserves, said Dr. Melissa Mattison and Dr. Mark Zeidel, of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, authors of a study to be published May 11 in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The airlines' focus on preventing crashes and near misses means that "most individual flight attendants will never experience an emer-

gency landing or evacuation during their careers," the authors wrote in a medical center news release.

"By contrast, in-flight medical emergencies occur frequently," they added. "Yet the kinds of approaches that have improved flight safety have not been extended to providing optimal care for passengers who become acutely ill while on board airplanes."

While emergency medical kits on passenger aircraft must contain certain medications and equipment, the actual contents of the kits vary by airline, the doctors said. They also noted that U.S. Federal Aviation Administration requires flight attendants to be trained in CPR and the use of automated external defibrillators, yet does not require standard curriculum or testing.

This means that physicians who have to deal with in-flight emergencies face a number of challenges, including having to work in cramped spaces, using emergency medical kits with unfamiliar, inadequate and poorly organized con-

tents, and dealing with flight crews who don't know how best to assist doctors.

The authors outlined a four-step plan to improve the handling of in-flight emergencies. It includes:

*A standardized system for recording all in-flight medical emergencies and mandatory reporting of each incident.

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Rodinho Rodriquez and Joswain Werleman earn their wings with Tiara Air

Tiara Air Managing Director Alejandro Muyale was proud to welcome family members and media to the SIMAR building on Thursday evening, May 5, to witness two young men joining the ranks of the

airline's pilot corps.

Having completed their 400 hours of training beyond obtaining their initial pilot's license and a specialized course for the Short 360 prop planes which comprise the Tiara Air

fleet, Rodinho Rodriquez and Joswain Werleman were awarded their pilots' epaulets and wings. November of 2010, Tiara Air sponsored the young pilots to travel to the U.S. to undergo the specialized train-

ing on the SD-3; in February of this year they returned to New York for preparation on simulators and their exam by an FAA approved instructor. They passed their tests with flying colors and were awarded with certification from the Aruba Civil Aeronautics agency. Their wings and epaulets followed after fulfilling the hours of flying and practical training with Tiara Air pilots according to airline standards.

Tiara Air Director of Flight Aldren Wever and Chief Pilot Fernandez Gomes performed the ritual awarding of the epaulets and wings before Rodinho and Joswain's colleagues and proud parents.

Tiara Air, in the five years since first taking off as Aruba's home-grown airline, has now accumulated a flying corps of 14 pilots, growing from a single destination to 5 flown regularly through the week. They recently announced they will be adding jets to their fleet with daily flights to Boston

and 4 times a week to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Alejandro Muyali confirmed he expected to increase his staff by 24 new employees by the end of this year. Determined young islanders seeking an exciting career offering on-the-job-training for advanced skills in the airline industry are needed and encouraged to inquire.

by Rosalie Klein



Chief pilot Fernandez Gomez place epaulets on Joswain Werleman



Director of Flight Aldren Wever pins wings on Joswain



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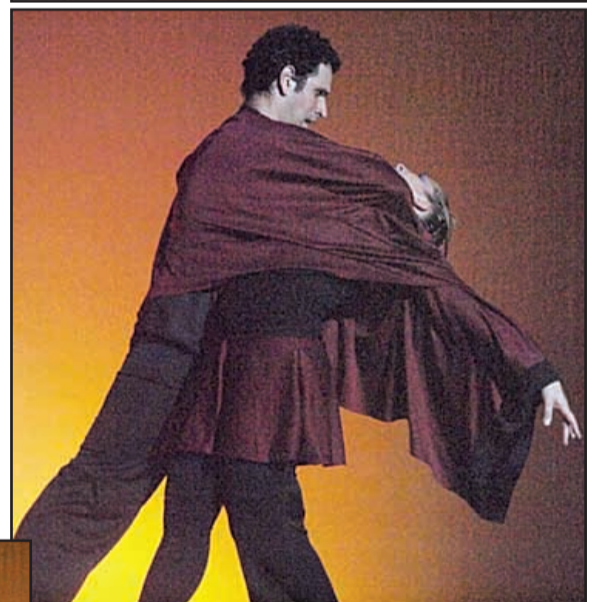


Israeli Consul with Regesh crew

The Honorary Consul of Israel to Aruba, Martha Lichtenstein, was proud to present the traditional and contemporary dance interpretations of the Argentine based group Regesh ("feelings" in Hebrew) to mark the celebration of the 63rd anniversary of the founding of the Jewish State of Israel. They performed a recital on Thursday evening, May 5 at the Cas di Cultura for an invited audience of island dignitaries, including Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman, who addressed the gathering, with his wife Doina, along with President of Parliament, Paul Croes, Commandant of the Dutch Marines, Lt. Colonel Edwin Hofma and from the Dutch Delegation to Aruba, Genevieve Leeuw.

The Regesh Dance Troupe is part of the Macabi Organization devoted to sports and culture, which has existed in Buenos Aires for over 70 years. Regesh was founded 20 years ago by Directors Dany Chaves and Adriana Rotstein. Dany is a pioneer in launching the modern Israeli Folkdance movement in Latin America. He teaches dance in Jewish communities in El Salvador, Guatemala, Colombia, Panama and Cuba, and trains other dance instructors.

One of their most famous routines is "Creation," based on the theme of Genesis. Regesh weaves the rhythms of historic Israeli and Hassidic music, along with Middle Eastern melodies and modern jazz into a fusion of the traditional and contemporary.



Thursday's performance included a tribute to icons of Jewish Culture; among them Anne Frank, composer and maestro Daniel Barenboim, Barbara Streisand, artist Mark Chagall and producer/director Steven Silverberg.

Demonstrating their Argentine roots, the program included a sultry Tango; the evening received an enthusiastic response from the audience. Traveling to Aruba to perform were Julieta Hamra, Giselle Issacson, Wanda Abner, Florencia Dibiase, Carolina Emanuelle, Luciano Baskin, Enrique Obersky, Braullio Posternak, Matias Abady and Gabriel Mirkin.

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- 14. Globe-shaped object
- 15. Eccentric one
- 17. It has 30 teams (abbr.)
- 18. Sunbathe
- 19. Enthused shout (2 wds.)
- 21. Actress Watson
- 24. ___ certain degree (2 wds.)
- 25. Deception
- 26. Door fastener
- 30. "Just ___ thought!" (2 wds.)
- 31. Tattles
- 33. Lounge feature
- 34. Madrid matrons
- 36. 1958 Leslie Caron movie
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- 38. Lessens
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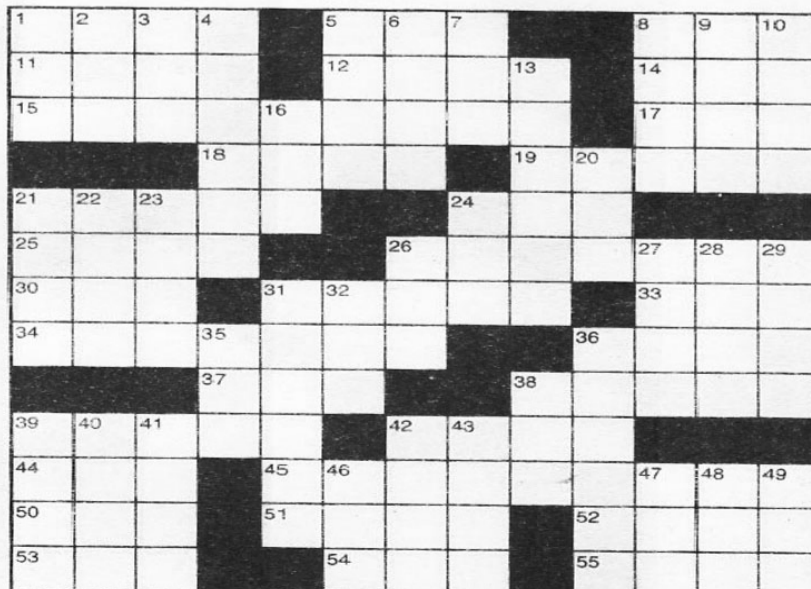
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- 3. CPA's busy month
- 4. Pathetic, as an attempt
- 5. Recedes
- 6. Roof problem
- 7. Actor-director Brooks
- 8. Explosive

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- 9. A Guthrie
- 10. "Dear ___"
- 13. Deluges
- 16. "___ to go!"
- 20. Actor Holbrook
- 21. Historical cycles
- 22. Ponder
- 23. "The doctor ___" (2 wds.)
- 24. Typewriter key
- 26. Mas' mates
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72 million live YouTube streams for royal wedding

WASHINGTON, (AFP) - Britain's royal wedding attracted 72 million live streams on YouTube in 188 countries and over 100 million views on the big day itself, the Google-owned video-sharing site said Friday.

"Though half the globe was still in darkness, YouTube users from across the world got wedding fever," YouTube said in a blog post.

YouTube said the top five countries watching live streams of the wedding of

Prince William and Kate Middleton on the site's Royal Channel were Britain, the United States, Italy, Germany and France.

"The total streams on April 29, 2011 reached 101 million as romantics around the globe tuned in to watch the fairytale ceremony, the procession and the final balcony kiss," YouTube said.

YouTube also said there have been 37.7 million page views of the official royal wedding website from 13.7 million visitors.

BP cedes Arctic project to Russia partner



LONDON (AFP) - British energy giant BP said Friday it will cede the Arctic exploration part of its tie-up with Rosneft to its Russian unit under an arbitration ruling that may see it salvage the \$16 billion deal.

The announcement is a part of BP's strategy to preserve the share swap portion of its agreement with Rosneft and thus retain its foothold in the market of the world's largest oil producer.

But both parts of the re-

vised agreement are subject to Rosneft's approval and the state-held company has previously ruled out working with TNK-BP -- the British firm's much smaller and less experienced local subsidiary.

BP shares still shot up by about 2.5 percent in London amid hopes that a deal that looked doomed only days ago could still be revived on terms that preserved the British firm's status as Russia's biggest private oil partner.

"The arbitral panel has today issued a consent order permitting BP and the Alfa-Access-Renova (AAR) consortium to assign the Arctic opportunity to TNK-BP, subject to Rosneft consent," BP said in a statement.

AAR is the consortium of Russian investors in TNK-BP.

Oil price rebound on upbeat US payrolls data



NEW YORK, (AFP) - World oil prices dropped further Friday in late New York trade, taking the benchmark WTI contract more than 15 percent off their 20-month peak just four days earlier.

With the wind gushing out of a range of pumped-up commodity prices, oil prices tried to make a comeback after Thursday's plunge early in the day, but ended solidly lower again.

West Texas Intermediate crude for June delivery lost \$2.62 to end at \$97.18 a barrel, after making a push in midday trade to above the \$102 mark.

In London, Brent North

Sea crude for June finished at \$109.70 a barrel, down from \$110.80 Thursday.

The WTI contract lost 15.4 percent from Monday's peak near \$115, a level last seen in early September 2008.

While the dollar continued its two-day recovery against the euro, it did not seem to have any impact on crude prices -- contrary to oil's sharp rise in parallel with the dollar's fall over the past two months.

Nor did the US Labor Department's stronger-than-expected non-farm job creation data released Friday, which suggested the US economy is growing steadily.

"The market really had the wind knocked out of it with the weak economic data we've seen this week," said Matt Smith of Summit Energy.

"Non-farm payrolls was better than expected in terms of jobs created, but the unemployment rate rising is obviously not a good thing," he said -- referring to a climb in the overall unemployment rate to nine percent.

"Investors got nervous

again" after pushing the price higher during the session, explained Tom Bentz of BNP Paribas.

Eurasia Group oil analyst Greg Priddy said the price fall validated analysts -- including those in top exporter Saudi Arabia -- who viewed the price runup since January as unsupported by underlying demand, and mainly related to perceptions of political risk across the Arab crescent.

That explains why Riyadh had not upped production significantly as the price soared, he said.

However, "If prices were to make a steep slide into the low \$90s on perceptions of softening economic conditions, that would probably trigger a Saudi unilateral response on output," he said, tightening supplies to keep their own income up.

Crude futures have also fallen heavily in response to downbeat Chinese economic data, and fears over the euro-zone debt crisis after the bailout of debt-racked Portugal.

US private sector gives big jobs boost in April

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US private sector cranked out over a quarter-million jobs in April, boosting recovery from a recession-era pit even as the unemployment rate rose to 9.0 percent, official data showed Friday.

Businesses added a solid 268,000 jobs in April, the Labor Department reported, encouraging hopes the economic recovery was on track even as strapped federal and local governments cut spending and payrolls.

Overall the economy created a net 244,000 nonfarm jobs last month, the department said, topping predictions of 185,000, with the biggest growth in the service sector.

It was the economy's strongest show of jobs creation since May 2009, a month before the worst recession in decades ended but left recov-

ery in the labor market lagging behind.

And the department sharply revised higher job creation figures for February and March, putting net gains above the key 200,000 threshold for three consecutive months.

Some experts say a pace of at least 200,000 net new jobs a month is needed for a sustained period to reduce unemployment.

President Barack Obama welcomed the jobs data, coming in the face of "serious headwinds" from high gasoline prices and the impact of Japan's earthquake-tsunami disaster on US manufacturing inputs.

"There will undoubtedly be more challenges ahead. The fact is, we are still making progress. That proves how resilient the American economy is, how resilient the American

worker is," Obama said in a visit to an auto transmission factory in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Obama's top economic adviser, Austan Goolsbee, noted the employment gains were a drop in the bucket for millions of Americans still trying to find a job.

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Punta Pa Punta Walkathon 2011 – Price winners



The Punta pa Punta Walkathon, like every year, was organized on White Thursday. A group of 150 enthusiastic participants started in the afternoon of Thursday April 21st, 2011 at Baby Beach with the challenge to walk a distance of 38 km's (23.61 miles) towards the California Lighthouse. This years theme of the walkathon was "Let's walk for our community" of which the profit will be donated to Aruba's Food Bank (Fundacion Pa Nos Comunidad).

The awards were handed over on Wednesday May 4th at and on invitation of Café The Plaza at 6 p.m. The results of this atmospheric walkathon "Punta pa Punta 2011" are as follows:

Men

1. Luis Hunt 4h25;
2. Juan Tromp 4h33;
3. Fernando de Graf 4h58;

Women

1. Regina Angela 5h15:40,
2. Filomena Paesch 5h15:46,
3. Mary Hessels-de Cuba and Jasmira Mora 5h48;



Youth

1. Gervasio Arias and Brighton Boekhoudt 5h57,
2. Enoc Rasmijn 6h08.

Winning Teams

1. Thrill Walkers,
2. Under Road Walkers,
3. Health Angels.

The organization "Happiness Foundation" is very pleased to donate Awg. 3,500 to the Food Bank of Aruba. This donation was raised thanks to the participation of the walkers.

Both the Happiness Foundation and FPNC would like to thank the sponsors for their

generous support during this event: Aruba Yellow Pages, Balashi/Tropical Bottling Company, Marriott Aruba Resort & Stellaris Casino, Zenitel and Visser Trading Aruba. A special 'thank you' goes to the Police, which from the beginning till the end the walkathon accompanied the participants with their staff and IDEFRE for the good cooperation.

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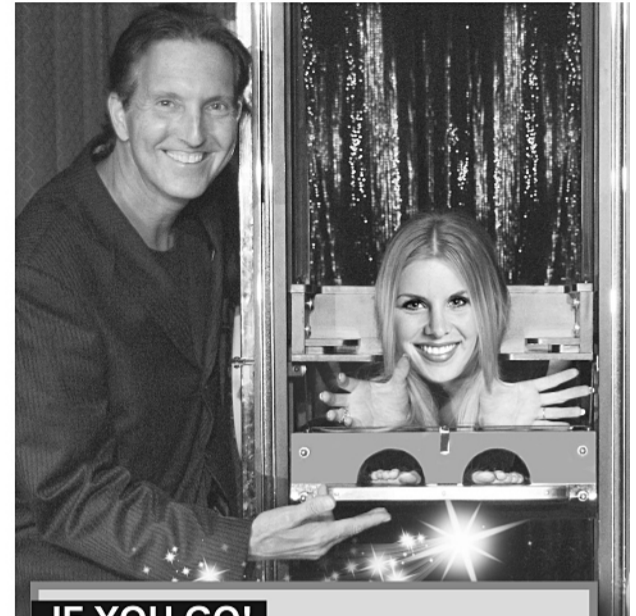
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Mel Gibson seeks new voice in glove-puppet movie



Mel Gibson's career has struggled since his 2006 arrest

LOS ANGELES (AFP) – It's sounds an unlikely basis for a Hollywood movie: a depressed husband takes to communicating through a beaver glove puppet, as he struggles to rebuild his life.

Add that he is played by Mel Gibson -- the actor ostracized by Tinsel Town since an 2006 anti-Semitic drunk-driving tirade -- and that the brown furry beaver has a thick cockney accent, and, well, questions multiply.

But Jodie Foster, who both

stars in and directs "The Beaver," out in North America on Friday, insists Gibson gives the performance of a lifetime, and reception of the film was positive at a press screening.

"Mel was brilliant. Mel Gibson's performance is extraordinary, and he was really the best actor for this and I'm grateful of the performance he gave, he's my friend," she told a small group of reporters.

Gibson's career has strug-

gled since his 2006 arrest for drunk driving, which exploded into a major scandal because of anti-Semitic remarks he made to a highway patrol officer.

The star of "Braveheart" -- for which Gibson won two Oscars in 1996 -- had no starring role on the big screen from 2005 until last year's thriller "Edge of Darkness."

In March this year he was ordered to follow a one-year domestic violence counseling program, and serve three years of probation, in a plea bargain to avoid jail over the alleged abuse of his ex-partner.

Two-times Oscar winner Foster, directing her third movie, insists Gibson will overcome the nightmare of the last few years.

"I think that's something that Mel understands in a very personal way, wanting to change and wanting to transform and worried that he can't transform," said the 48-year-old, promoting the movie in Beverly Hills.

Russian-born billionaire buys Warner Music



Warner Music Group chairman and chief executive Edgar Bronfman, shown here in 2006.

NEW YORK (AFP) – Russian-American billionaire Len Blavatnik's Access Industries won a bidding war on Friday for Warner Music Group, buying the storied music company for \$3.3 billion in an all-cash transaction.

The sale of Warner Music, whose artists range from current stars such as Eric Clapton and Kid Rock to legends such as Frank Sinatra and Ray Charles, comes at a challenging time for the music industry with digital piracy rampant and CD sales slumping.

It also comes amid reports that EMI Group, a Warner Music rival which is owned by Citigroup, is on the block.

Warner Music is being sold by chief executive Edgar Bronfman Jr. and the private-equity firms, Thomas H. Lee Partners and Bain Capital Partners, who bought the company from Time Warner in 2004 for \$2.6 billion. Together they hold approximately 56 percent of Warner Music's outstanding shares.

Access said the acquisition includes all of Warner Music's record labels, which include Asylum, Atlantic, Elektra and Warner Bros., and the prized Warner/Chappell music-publishing division.

The purchase price of \$8.25 per share is a 34.4 percent premium over Warner Music's average share price over the previous six months.

As part of the agreement, Access, whose diverse holdings include natural resources and chemicals, media and telecommunications and real estate, will assume \$1.9 billion of Warner Music's debt.

Nadal, Federer set-up Madrid semi-final clash

MADRID, Spain (AFP) – Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer will meet for the 24th time on Saturday when the two superstars clash in the Madrid Masters semi-finals.

Top seed Nadal, who beat his Swiss rival for the 2010 title at the Caja Magica here, marched into the final four when he snuffed out Frenchman Michael Llodra's challenge 6-2, 6-2 in little more than an hour.

It took more effort from third seed Federer as he held off two-time French Open finalist Robin Soderling 7-6 (7/2), 6-4 in his quarter-final.

The second semi-final line-up will be decided once second seed Novak Djokovic plays Spain's number four

David Ferrer with the winner to tackle unseeded Brazilian Tomaz Bellucci.

Djokovic has won all his 29 matches this season, the third-longest win streak to start a season in the record books.

Federer and Nadal will be meeting in Madrid for the third consecutive year. The Swiss won the title in 2009 with a victory over Nadal, with the Spaniard taking it back 12 months ago.

Federer earned the only break of his match against Soderling, taking a 5-4 lead on a volley winner and serving out the victory after one and a three-quarter hours.

Nadal's victory over Llodra was his 36th in succession on

clay - his last loss on the surface came in the fourth round to Soderling at the 2009 French Open.

The top seed has charged through another clay campaign this year with titles in April at Monte Carlo and Barcelona so far.

Nadal was untroubled by Llodra, a classic serve-and-volleyer who was simply out of his depth on clay against the best the game has to offer.

The world number one did not lose a point on serve until his third game and was never under pressure from Llodra who saved two match points before Nadal secured the victory after 74 minutes without facing a break point.

Trainer says age no problem for 'underdog' Mosley



LAS VEGAS, Nevada (AFP) – Naazim Richardson says he sees no reason why underdog Shane Mosley shouldn't be able to turn back the clock one more time and dethrone pound-for-pound king Manny Pacquiao.

"People tend to forget and tend to overlook the high boxing IQ Shane has," Richardson said. "He has seen everything there is to see in boxing."

Richardson trains four-time world champion Mosley who will take on eight-division world champ Pacquiao for the Filipino's World Boxing Organization welterweight title at the MGM Grand Hotel and

Casino.

A lot has been made about Mosley's age, 39, for this fight. Richardson says as boxers get older they have to adapt and apply the fundamentals of the sport rather than rely too much on their natural talent. Mosley (46-6-1, 39 KOs) understands this.

"Shane is in that transition now. He can't be the Sugar Shane Mosley he was when he was 25."

Richardson is a devout Muslim who has trained numerous world champions, including former world champion Bernard Hopkins. Richardson teamed up with Mosley for two of his most notable fights, a victory over Antonio Margarito in 2009 and a loss to Floyd Mayweather last year.

It was the win over Margarito at Staples Center arena in January 2009 that got the boxing world talking about Richardson after he caught

Margarito trying to use a plaster-like substance in his handwraps prior to the fight.

It is not the first time says Richardson that has found problems with another boxer's handwraps.

Richardson left home at 14 while growing up in Philadelphia. He also spent time in jail.

Boxing got him off the streets, gave him a sense of purpose and earned him respect.

It was after the stroke he suffered four years ago, that Richardson started working with Mosley. The two have created a strong bond ever since.

Oddly enough their first dispute was over how Richardson was going to tape Mosley's hands.

"I felt like Shane Mosley and I could do well together when we had our first fight," Richardson said. "Me and Shane had a dispute early on. It was when I tried to tape his hands. He didn't want too much tape and I told him 'young man, you are not going into the ring with that little gauze on your hands'.

Mosley is expected to earn a \$3.95 million purse compared to \$6 million for Pacquiao.

"It is not about Shane trying to be like Pacquiao," Richardson said. "I am not asking him to match Pacquiao's speed.

"He doesn't have to be Manny Pacquiao to win. He has to be Sugar Shane Mosley and if he is the best Sugar Shane Mosley then Pacquiao is in trouble."

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Hamilton to get a taste of US stock cars

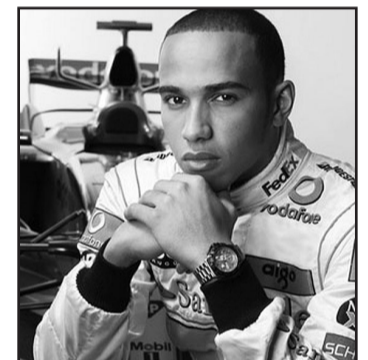
WATKINS GLEN, New York (AFP) – Formula One world champion Lewis Hamilton of Britain and American Tony Stewart, a two-time US stock car champion, will swap rides next month at Watkins Glen, promoters said Friday.

Hamilton will drive laps around the 3.4-mile, 11-turn long course at the famed raceway in Stewart's closed-cockpit NASCAR Chevrolet Impala while Stewart climbs into Hamilton's open-cockpit McLaren Mercedes for similar laps.

The June 14 event comes on the 50th anniversary of the first F1 race at Watkins Glen and follows the lead of a similar car swap in 2003 at Indianapolis between American Jeff Gordon and Colombia's Juan Pablo Montoya.

Montoya later departed F1 for NASCAR, where he still races for car owner Chip Ganassi, his former IndyCar backer.

"I spend a lot of time in race cars, but this will be the first time I've been at the wheel of



a NASCAR stock car," Hamilton said. "Tony and I will have some fun with the swap and make sure we put on a good show."

McLaren won its first F1 drivers and constructors titles at Watkins Glen in 1974 with Brazilian Emerson Fittipaldi at the wheel.

Stewart, who won the 2002 and 2005 NASCAR crowns, has won at least one race over each of the past 12 seasons.

"When you've been around competitive racing for as long as I have, you really look forward to new experiences, and this car swap with Lewis is definitely one of those opportunities," Stewart said.

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Foyt replaces Trump in Indy 500 pace car



INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (AFP) - A.J. Foyt, the first four-time winner of the Indianapolis 500, will replace

real estate mogul Donald Trump as the pace car driver for the 100th anniversary edition of the famed oval race.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway officials announced the move on Friday, a day after Trump withdrew because it would be "inappropriate" given his potential US presidential bid and impossible for him to have time for practice sessions.

Foyt will drive the Chevrolet Camaro ahead of the 33 starters in the May 29 race on the 50th anniversary of his first Indy 500 victory. In addition to 1961, Foyt also drove to Indy 500 triumphs in 1964, 1967 and 1977.

In 1999, Foyt took his first victory as a car owner with

Sweden's Kenny Brack driving for him.

This year will mark Foyt's 54th consecutive season at Indy as a driver or team owner, a span that included a record 35 starts in a row as a drive from 1958 through 1992.

"Since I won my first Indy 500 50 years ago, I had hoped to still be racing in it, but driving the pace car is the next best thing," Foyt said.

"To drive the Chevy pace car for the 100th anniversary of the Indy 500, well I couldn't have a bigger honor."

Tiger commits to Players Championship

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, (AFP) - Tiger Woods, who missed this week's US PGA event with what he called a minor left knee injury, announced Friday that he will take part in next week's Players Championship.

Woods, a 14-time major champion chasing the all-time record 18 major titles won by Jack Nicklaus, won the Players crown 10 years ago but has finished well back most years. He withdrew from last year's Players tournament.

"Looking forward to the competition next week, just committed to the Players,"

Woods posted Friday on his Twitter micro-blogging website.

Last week, former world number one Woods revealed he suffered a sprained left knee ligament and strained left Achilles tendon while playing at the Masters last month.

That kept him out of the \$6.5 million Wells Fargo Championship this week.

"I must follow doctors' orders to get better," Woods said last week.

Woods, who has already undergone four left knee operations, has not won since his infamous sex scandal erupted 18 months ago.

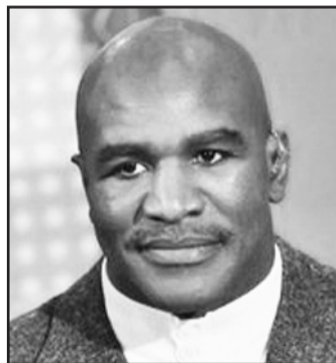
Evergreen Holyfield still targets fifth world title

COPENHAGEN (AFP) - Evander Holyfield shrugged off his 48 years on Friday to insist that the power which once brought him famous wins over a host of marquee names, including Mike Tyson, can deliver him a fifth world heavyweight title.

The American, who holds the lightly-regarded WBF title, tackles Denmark's Brian Nielsen, two years his junior, on Saturday in a 12-round non-title fight.

Even with no belt on the line, the stakes are still high.

"I need to win this fight with style in order to become a contender for the world title," said Holyfield, who would become the oldest heavyweight champion in



history if he were to ultimately achieve his dream.

Holyfield, who has 43 wins, with 28 knockouts and 10 defeats, last fought in January but his bout against Sherman Williams was declared a no-contest due to a cut over his eye.

Now he wants to see off Nielsen as a stepping stone to

a fight with either of the Klitschko brothers who hold the major heavyweight belts between them.

He took the WBF belt in April 2010 with victory over South Africa's Francois Botha after a loss to WBA champion Nikolay Valuev in December 2008.

"I am not preoccupied with my opponent on Saturday, I am only concerned about myself. I want to be in my best form," said Holyfield. "My aim is to win one more world title before I stop."

Nielsen, the IBO champion, has 64 wins in 66 fights, but he hasn't fought in over eight years with his last appearance in the ring ending in defeat to Tyson in April 2002.

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BALTIMORE	14	15	.483	3.5
TORONTO	14	16	.467	4.0
BOSTON	14	16	.467	4.0
Central				
CLEVELAND	20	9	.690	--
KANSAS CITY	16	14	.533	4.5
DETROIT	14	17	.452	7.0
MINNESOTA	11	18	.379	9.0
CHICAGO	11	21	.344	10.5
West				
LA ANGELES	17	14	.548	--
TEXAS	17	14	.548	--
OAKLAND	16	14	.516	1.0
SEATTLE	14	17	.452	3.0
National League				
East	W	L	Pct	GB
PHILADELPHIA	20	9	.690	--
FLORIDA	19	10	.655	1.0
ATLANTA	17	15	.531	4.5
WASHINGTON	14	16	.467	6.5
NY METS	12	18	.400	8.5
Central				
ST. LOUIS	17	14	.548	--
CINCINNATI	15	15	.500	1.5
PITTSBURG	15	16	.484	2.0
CHICAGO	14	16	.467	2.5
MILWAUKEE	13	17	.433	3.5
HOUSTON	12	18	.400	4.5
West				
COLORADO	18	10	.643	--
SAN FRANCISCO	15	15	.500	4.0
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Uncle Mo scratched from Derby



Stay Thirsty, Uncle Mo has been seen as a top Derby contender for nearly a year.

"Honestly, I've never had a horse as good as Uncle Mo," Pletcher said. "To not make it here is a big letdown. I take it as a personal failure."

Pletcher collected his first Derby victory last year with a longshot in Super Saver.

The most worrisome thing for Repole and Pletcher has been that veterinarians are not exactly sure why the colt has lost weight, eaten little and shown elevated enzyme levels in blood tests.

"They're baffled. That's what gets us nervous the most," Repole said.

The 1 1/4-mile race at famed Churchill Downs is the first leg of the American horse racing Triple Crown, which continues with the Preakness and concludes with next month's Belmont Stakes.

No horse has swept the treble since Affirmed in 1978.

Uncle Mo's medical woes began after he finished third in last month's Wood Memorial, a race he was favored to win. Medication helped Uncle Mo continue pre-Derby workouts and the horse appeared solid a week ago, Pletcher said.

But Uncle Mo's listlessness off the track caused concern. "We've got something going on inside that I don't know what it is. The best vets in the world don't know what it is," Pletcher said.

Pletcher defended the de-

cision to enter the horse on Wednesday, which meant that Sway Away could not claim a spot in a field limited to 20. Sway Away would not be eligible to enter the field late because of Uncle Mo's withdrawal.

Nick Zito, Dialed In's trainer, said he was not pleased to see his horse's top rival pull out.

"We all would have liked to see him run," Zito said. "It's devastating."

John Velazquez, who has never won a Kentucky Derby in 12 starts, was to have ridden Uncle Mo but will now serve as the jockey on Animal Kingdom in place of Robby Albarado, who broke his nose in a fall earlier in the week.

The scratch is among the biggest late pullouts in Derby history. Two years ago, favored I Want Revenge was scratched on race morning with a leg injury that prevented him from racing again.

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (AFP) – Uncle Mo, which had been the second favorite among Kentucky Derby oddsmakers, was scratched on Friday from the lineup for Saturday's race because of an intestinal disorder.

Mike Repole, the colt's owner, announced the decision less than an hour before wagering began. His decision trimmed the field for the 137th running of the US dirt oval classic to 19 horses with Dialed In the early 4-1 favorite.

Uncle Mo, trained by Todd Pletcher, was set with 9-2 odds. While Repole and Pletcher still have a horse in the race with 20-1 longshot

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Dodgers' Ethier keeps hit streak in perspective

LOS ANGELES (AFP) – Andre Ethier's 29-game hit streak has him closing in on a Dodgers club record, but the right-fielder says he can't let it consume him.

"It's fun to be a part of, but I'm not going to let this thing eat at me," said Ethier, whose streak was put on hold as he sat out Wednesday's home game in Los Angeles with a sore left elbow.

"I'm just trying to execute during each at-bat. And whatever that at-bat calls for -- taking a walk, advancing a runner drive a guy in -- I'm going to try to get it done."

Ethier get a chance to extend the streak when the Dodgers open a three-game series at the New York Mets on Friday.

He is two shy of the Dodgers record set by Willie Davis in 1969 and knows the streak will attract plenty of attention in the Big Apple.

"Like I keep saying, I'm not focusing on the streak," Ethier said. "I mean, I don't go home at night or wake up in the middle of the night and worry about this thing."

"I enjoy it and I want to go as long as I can, but it's not a constant thought."

Ethier, 29, is batting .387 during this stretch with three home runs and 17 RBIs.

Ethier is trying to become the 44th major leaguer since 1900 with a hitting streak of at least 30 games during one season.

His would be the eighth such streak since 2000, following Jimmy Rollins (36), Chase Utley (35), Luis Castillo (35), Albert Pujols (30), Willy Taveras (30), Moises Alou (30) and Ryan Zimmerman (30).

Joe DiMaggio holds the record for hitting in consecutive games with 56, set in 1941.

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